

**Arizona Criminal Justice Commission Minutes****March 26, 2020**

A public meeting of the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission convened on **March 26, 2020**, at the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission, 1110 W. Washington, Suite 230, Phoenix, AZ 85007, by conference call.

<b><u>Members Present</u></b>	<b><u>Staff Present</u></b>
Sheila Polk, Chair, Yavapai County Attorney	Andy LeFevre, Executive Director
Steve Stahl, Vice Chair, Chief, Maricopa Police Department, Law Enforcement Leader	Tony Vidale, Deputy Director
Allister Adel, Maricopa County Attorney, Shawn Cox representing	Molly Edwards, Public Information Officer
Mark Brnovich, Attorney General, Paul Ahler representing	Heather Bohnet, Program Manager
David Byers, Director, Administrative Office of the Courts Jerry Landau representing at the beginning of the meeting	Patty Hatvick, Finance Manager
Barbara LaWall, Pima County Attorney	Candice Millsap, Grant Coordinator
Greg Mengarelli, Mayor, City of Prescott, Amy Boney representing	Marc Peoples, Program Manager
Heston Silbert, Director, Department of Public Safety	Wendy Boyle, Program Project Specialist
Mark Napier, Pima County Sheriff	Jillian Ware, SAC Director
David Sanders, Pima County Chief Probation Officer	
David Shinn, Director, Department of Corrections, Joe Profiri representing	
<b><u>Members Absent:</u></b>	
Paul Penzone, Maricopa County Sheriff	
C.T. Wright, Chair, Board of Executive Clemency	

**I. Call to Order, Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance**

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Sheila Polk at 1:33 pm. Roll call taken, a quorum was declared, and the Pledge of Allegiance recited.

**II. Minutes of the January 23, 2020 Meeting**

Chairperson Polk called for a motion on the minutes for the Commission meeting held on January 23, 2020. Designee Jerry Landau entered a motion to approve the minutes. The motion seconded by Designee Joe Profiri was unanimously approved by the Commission.

**III. Executive Director's Report****1. Staff and Program Updates**

Executive Director Andy LeFevre informed the Commission that the agency has transformed into a virtual office beginning March 17. ACJC placed an enhanced telework policy for staff, and monitoring efforts are determined if it needs an extension. A COVID-19 relief bill made possible in the amount of \$850M passed through the Senate that is distributed through the Byrne/JAG grant program and assists state, local and tribal officers responding to the coronavirus situation with no match requirement. It will support criminal justice needs related to COVID-19, including overtime, officers, personnel protective equipment, supplies, and medical needs. The Commission could meet to approve a process to get the funding out to the community.

**2. Finance Update**

Patty Hatvick, Finance Manager, presented a financial report as of February 2020. The federal audit is being done electronically due to the COVID-19 issue.

**IV. Committee Reports****A. Executive Committee****1. Update on the activities of the Executive Committee**

Chairperson Polk welcomed Heston Sibert, appointed as Director-Department of Public Safety, and as a new commissioner. Sheriff Mark Napier is the new chairperson for the Drug, Gang, and Violent Crime Control Committee replacing Joe Brugman, who is retiring and graciously accepted the position.

**2. Update on Statistical Analysis Center Activities**

Recently there was a conference call between SAC staff, Director LeFevre, and the application partner at ASU to discuss the implementation of the AZ Youth Survey. ASU is going to try and get data into the system to see if it is representative enough to put out a report. SAC will reach out to schools that have signed up but did not participate in the survey, and lastly, looking to provide flexibility to schools that cannot attend but may give a small window in the fall for the next school year. Jillian Ware gave a SAC update on activities that included data requests. The Epidemiology Workgroup last met on 3/12, and Jaimie Jeffords is running analysis on past AYS data and making progress on the final report looking at the relationship between substance use and trauma among the youth. Also, the SAC department is applying for the 2020 Bureau of Justice Statistics grant.

**B. Drug, Gang & Violent Crime Control Program****1. Update on the activities of the Drug, Gang & Violent Crime Control Committee**

Deputy Director Tony Vidale reported that the Committee is meeting on 4/30/20 to review the Cycle 34 Drug, Gang, and Violent Crime Control Program Cycle 33 Grant Awards and approve the Statewide 2020-2025 Drug, Gang & Violent Crime Control State Strategy. A public hearing on the strategy is scheduled for 4/7/20 includes a webinar presentation and offers an opportunity for public comments.

### **C. Crime Victims**

#### **1. Update on the activities of the Crime Victims Committee**

Commissioner Steve Stahl referred to Program Manager Heather Bohnet for the introduction of the agenda items. Ms. Bohnet gave two updates. The Victim Assistance grant solicitation closed on 3/20/20, and the Committee will meet on 5/7/20 to review the grant applications. She also updated the Commission on the status of the assessment revenues from the Treasurer's office for FY19 and FY20 on the Victim Compensation and Assistance Fund.

#### **2. Crime Victim Compensation Program**

##### **a. FY21 State and Federal Funding Amount**

Commissioner Stahl entered a motion to approve total state, and federal funding for the FY21 Crime Victim Compensation Program set at \$3,273,346, including \$2,000,000 in state compensation funds and \$1,273,346 in federal VOCA compensation funds. The motion seconded by Commissioner Barbara LaWall was unanimously approved by the Commission.

##### **b. FY 21 Designation of Operational Units**

Commissioner LaWall entered a motion to approve the designation of the 15 County Attorney Offices as operational units for the FY21 Crime Victim Compensation Program. The motion seconded by Designee Shawn Cox was unanimously approved by the Commission.

##### **c. Changes to the Program Funding Allocation Formula**

Commission Stahl entered a motion to approve amending the current Crime Victim Compensation Program formula by removing the Restitution/Subrogation reserve overage amount for Operational Units with Restitution/Subrogation fund balances exceeding a three-year average benefit expense reserve as a calculation. The motion seconded by Commissioner LaWall was unanimously approved by the Commission.

##### **d. FY21 Program Funding Allocation**

Commissioner Stahl entered a motion to approve the allocation of \$3,273,346 in state and federal crime victim compensation funds, as proposed in Table VS-2 of the agenda, to operational units for the FY21 Crime Victim Compensation Program. The motion seconded by Commissioner LaWall was unanimously approved by the Commission.

### **D. Information Technology Systems Improvement**

#### **1. Update on the activities of the Information Technology & Systems Improvement Committee**

Commissioner David Byers stated the Committee met to discuss recommendations and referred to Grant Coordinator Candice Millsap for the presentation of the agenda items.

#### **2. Full-Service Forensic Crime Laboratory Grant Program**

##### **a. FY21 Full-Service Forensic Crime Laboratory grant proposal and allocations**

Candice Millsap presented the F21 Full Service Forensic Crime Laboratory grant proposals and distribution of funds for \$500,000 in a handout to the Commission. Commissioner Byers entered a motion to approve the Full-Service Forensic Crime Laboratory grant allocations in the amount of \$500,000 for the FY21 grant program cycle of July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021. The motion seconded by Designee Profiri was unanimously approved by the Commission.

##### **b. Full-Service Forensic Crime Laboratory Definition**

Commissioner Byers and Marc Peoples, Program Manager, both spoke about the suggested change in the definition of what a Full-Service Laboratory is, based on an update from the Accreditation of the American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors that would require filing a rule change. The accreditation has changed as it relates and what constitutes a Full-Service Laboratory. The staff has revised the definition to be more in line with the accreditation bodies and accredited labs in today's society. Commissioner Byers motioned to approve the authorization of staff to open a rule change with the definitions outlined in the agenda. The motion seconded by Designee Profiri was unanimously approved by the Commission.

#### **3. Criminal Justice Related IT Projects**

Mr. Peoples presented an update on AZ POINT. The one minor setback was getting access across state lines for orders. Also, working on emergency language to allow sheriffs to confirm requests and policy issues.

### **E. Legislative**

#### **1. Legislative Committee Update**

Commissioner David Sanders reported the joint legislative and executive committees meet every other Friday by conference call.

#### **2. Review of Introduced Bills**

Molly Edwards, Public Information Officer, provided updates on the legislature. Both the House and Senate have recessed until April 13 and will go back into session unless the legislature determines otherwise. She is holding conversations with policy advisors to keep abreast of what is happening with the bills ACJC has been tracking, in particular, the victim compensation and assistance bill where funds were shorted. She is partnering with Executive Director LeFevre and Marc Peoples on Senate Bill 1171 to put forward an appropriation for the data bill and to start the data collection process.

#### **V. Commission Member Summaries of Current Events**

There were no current events presented.

### **VI. Call to the Public**

Chairperson Polk made a call to the public. Executive Director LeFevre reported there are six vacancies in the Commission, met with the Director of the Governor's Office of Boards and Commissions, to provide recommendations for filling the openings.

### **VII. Date, Time and Location of Next Meeting**

The next Arizona Criminal Justice Commission meeting takes place at 1:30 pm on Thursday, May 21, 2020, at 1110 W. Washington, Suite 250, Phoenix, AZ 85007.

### **VIII. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 2:27 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Andrew LeFevre

Executive Director

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